

WHAT IS CLAIMED is:

1. A region selection device which select one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen comprising:

5 coordinate input means for inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

a region table which stores attributes of the plurality of regions;

10 display means for displaying the plurality of regions on the display screen according to the attributes stored in the region table; and

15 region selection means for, when the regions displayed on the display screen lie on top of one another, selecting a predetermined region according to priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions.

20 2. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region table stores information for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

25 3. The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region selection means first decides whether or not the border of a region is selected and then decides whether the inside of the region is selected.

4. The region selection device according to

claim 3, wherein the region table stores information for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the attributes.

5       5. The region selection device according to  
claim 1, wherein the feature parameter is an area of  
each region.

10      6. The region selection device according to  
claim 4, wherein the region table stores information  
for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the  
attributes.

7. The region selection device according to  
claim 1, wherein the feature parameter is a perimeter  
of each region.

15      8. The region selection device according to  
claim 7, wherein the region table stores information  
for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the  
attributes.

20      9. The region selection device according to  
claim 1, wherein the feature parameter is both of an  
area and a perimeter of each region.

10. The region selection device according to  
claim 9, wherein the region table stores information  
for invalidating the editing of a region as one of the  
attributes.

25      11. A region selecting method of selecting one  
region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a  
display screen comprising:

inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

displaying the plurality of regions on the display screen according to attributes of the plurality of regions stored in a region table; and

5           selecting a predetermined region according to priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions when the plurality of regions displayed on the display screen are overlapped.

10          12. A computer program product configured to store program instructions of selecting one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen for execution on a computer system enabling the computer system to perform:

15           inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

displaying regions on the display screen according to attributes of the plurality of regions stored in a  
20        region table; and

25           selecting a given region according to priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions when the plurality of regions displayed on the display screen are overlapped.